Direction to telecom industrial units

†1814. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that telecom industrial units working in the country have been directed to carry out verification of all their customers and submit report to Government;

(b) if so, when these directives were issued;

(c) the names of companies which have submitted their reports after carrying out verification of their customers; and

(d) the reasons for delay in not doing so and by when the companies would finally submit their reports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (d) As per license conditions, the mobile telephone service providers are required to ensure adequate verification of each and every customer before enrolling him as subscriber. Instructions in this regard have been issued from time to time by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) to all the service providers. This includes obtaining proof of identity and address from the subscribers. Instructions have also been issued to all the mobile service providers on 22nd November, 2006 for re-verification of existing subscribers by end of March 2007. The industry associations are furnishing periodic reports regarding status of re-verification of existing subscribers on behalf of all the service providers.

Waiting list of telephone subscribers of BSNL

†1815. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that those desirous of having telephone connection under BSNL are still in the waiting-list;

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(b) if so, the total number of persons in the,waiting-list till December, 2006;

(c) the total number of applicants in the waiting-list in December, 2005; and

(d) the time taken on an average by the BSNL to provide telephone connections to its subscribers in the years 2005, 2006 and the by-gone months of the year 2007?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir. There is waiting list for getting BSNL's telephone connection at some places.

(b) Total number of persons waitlisted for BSNL's connection as on 31st December, 2006 was 9.28 lakhs.

(c) Total number of waitlisted person as on 31st December, 2005 was 15.72 lakhs.

(d) Information about percentage of telephone connections provided by BSNL within 7 days in technical feasible areas, which is the prescribed norm during 2005, 2006 and 2007 is given below:—

Year	Percentage of connections provided within prescribed norms (within 7 days) in technical feasible areas
2005	85%
2006	96%
2007 (up to January)	95.6%

Foreigners working as CEO and CFO in Indian Telecom Industry

†1816. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state.

(a) whether it is a fact that many foreigners are working in the capacity of CEO and CFO in a number of companies in the Telecom Industry of the country;

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